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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. TURKEY TO EXTRADITE TERRORISTS?

AFTER READING PRESS REPORTS QUOTING THE TURKISH INTERIOR MINISTER AS SUPPORTING EXTRADITION OF TWO PALESTINIANS BEING HELD FOR THE ISTANBUL AIRPORT SHOOTINGS, AMBASSADOR MACOMBER MADE A STRONG REPRESENTATION TO MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS SYG ELEKDAG ON AUGUST 16. IN THE MEETING THE AMBASSADOR LEARNED THAT:

--THE PRESS STATEMENTS DID NOT HAVE THE APPROVAL OF THE GOVERNMENT.

--EXTRADITION WOULD REQUIRE CABINET APPROVAL, WHICH ELEKDAG FELT WOULD BE AN "ABERRATION" IN TURKEY'S
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ELEKDAG ADDED THAT THE PLO WAS NOT PURSUING ITS REQUEST TO OPEN AN ANKARA OFFICE.

AMBASSADOR'S COMMENTS: THE STATEMENTS BY INTERIOR MINISTER ASILTURK, A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL SALVATION PARTY, MAY PROVE EMBARRASSING TO THE DEMIREL GOVERNMENT. KOWTOWING

TO TERRORISTS IS UN-TURK-LIKE. IT IS ALSO CONTRARY TO ESTABLISHED GOT POLICY, AND IT WOULD BE ESPECIALLY UNPOPULAR HERE IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE MURDERS OF THREE TURKISH DIPLOMATS IN THE PAST YEAR. (CONFIDENTIAL) ANKARA 6273, 8/16.)

2. LIBYA: THE OCTOPUS TRIES TO GROW NEW ARMS

TWO AUGUST 15 REPORTS FROM EMBASSY TRIPOLI INDICATE THAT THE SUBVERSIVE INTERESTS OF THE QADHAFI REGIME ARE EXTENDING FAR AFIELD. IN SEPARATE TALKS, AMBASSADOR CARLE WAS TOLD BY:

--RWANDAN AMBASSADOR NABUKUBANO THAT A LIBYAN MFA SOURCE HAD INFORMED HIM THAT FULL SCALE PLANNING WAS UNDERWAY FOR THE OVERTHROW OF THE KENYAN GOVERNMENT;

--BANGLADESH FIRST SECRETARY ZAMIR THAT LIBYANS IN DACCA HAD ASKED THE BDG TO PUT THEM IN TOUCH WITH BURMESE/MOSLEM REBELS; AND

--SEVERAL OTHER AFRICAN REPRESENTATIVES THAT THEY FEAR LIBYAN MOVES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA COULD ENDANGER THE STABILITY OF SOUTHERN AFRICA AND OF THEIR OWN COUNTRIES.

IN A RELATED DEVELOPMENT, EMBASSY NDJAMENA REPORTS THAT LIBYA IS SUPPORTING CHADIAN REBELS AND OCCUPYING CHADIAN TERRITORY. (CONFIDENTIAL) TRIPOLI 1100, 1101, 8/15 AND (SECRET) NDJAMENA 2204 (LIMDIS), 8/16.)

3. PERU: SHOPPING FOR A NUCLEAR REACTOR
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PERUVIAN FOREIGN MINISTER DE LA PUENTE MADE AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO ARGENTINA AUGUST 10-12, REPORTEDLY SEEKING TO OBTAIN AN "A-3" NUCLEAR RESEARCH REACTOR. AN MFA SOURCE TOLD EMBASSY BUENOS AIRES THAT "NO NUCLEAR COOPERATION AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED BUT ONE WILL BE."

A BUENOS AIRES NEWSPAPER CLAIMED THAT ARGENTINIAN EXPORT

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OF NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY TO PERU "WOULD HAVE THE SUPPORT OF THE US DEPARTMENT OF STATE," WHICH IS CONCERNED WITH THE SHIFT OF THE CONTINENTS STRATEGIC BALANCE IN FAVOR OF BRAZIL.

FOLLOWING THE VISIT, AN MFA OFFICIAL WARNED EMBASSY BUENOS AIRES THAT THE USG SHOULD NOT BE FOOLED BY ANY SUPPOSED SHIFT IN PERUVIAN REVOLUTIONARY INTENTIONS, AS

THE "BASIC PERUVIAN POLICY REMAINS THE SAME." RECENT SHIFTS AND CHANGES WERE TACTICAL REPONSES ONLY. (CONFIDENTIAL) BUENOS AIRES 5373, 8/16.)

4. INTELSAT: CANADA WAFFLES ON CHINA QUESTION

WHEN QUERIED ON AUGUST 13 BY EMBASSY OTTAWA ON THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE PRC WILL APPLY FOR MEMBERSHIP IN INTELSAT, CANADIAN EXTERNAL AFFAIRS OFFICER LABERGE SAID THAT CANADA:

--WOULD HAVE TO FOLLOW ITS CHINA POLICY AND SUPPORT PRC MEMBERSHIP; BUT

--CERTAINLY DOES NOT WANT TO HURT TAIWAN'S INTERESTS IN ANY WAY; AND

--WOULD SEEK WAYS TO PROTECT ITS COMMERCIAL ARRANGEMENTS WITH TAIWAN.

EMBASSY COMMENT: HAVING BEEN BURNED DOMESTICALLY AS WELL AS INTERNATIONALLY ON THE TAIWAN ISSUE IN THE OLYMPICS, THE GOC IS OBVIOUSLY KEEPING ITS HEAD DOWN AND ITS FINGERS CROSSED. (CONFIDENTIAL) OTTAWA 3303, 8/16.)

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5. THE GERMANIES: BONN GROUP RECOMMENDS PREPARING DEMARCHE

AT THE REQUEST OF THE FRG REPRESENTATIVE, THE BONN GROUP AGREED AD REFERENDUM AUGUST 16 THAT THE ALLIES SHOULD PROTEST TO THE USSR THE AUGUST 13 STOPPAGE OF THE CDU BUSES BY THE GDR. EMBASSY BONN RECOMMENDS THAT THE DEPARTMENT AGREE IN PRINCIPLE TO THE DESIRABILITY OF PROCEEDING WITH THE PREPARATION OF A DEMARCHE.

EMBASSY COMMENT: THE FRG REQUEST FOR AN ALLIED DEMARCHE OBVIOUSLY REFLECTS HIGH LEVEL FRG DESIRES. (CONFIDENTIAL) BONN 13682, 8/16.)

6. NAC: CASTRO NO-SHOW SOVIET PLOY?

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A SENIOR SRI LANKA OFFICIAL HAS SUGGESTED TO EMBASSY COLOMBO THAT THE ABSENCE OF CASTRO, KIL IL SUNG, AND IRAQI PRESIDENT BAKR FROM THE NAC MAY BE PART OF A SOVIET EFFORT TO DOWNGRADE THE IMPORTANCE OF THE NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE, AS THE SOVIET CAUSE IS NOT DOING VERY WELL AMONG THE NON-ALIGNED. (CONFIDENTIAL) COLOMBO 2998, 8/16.) KISSINGER

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